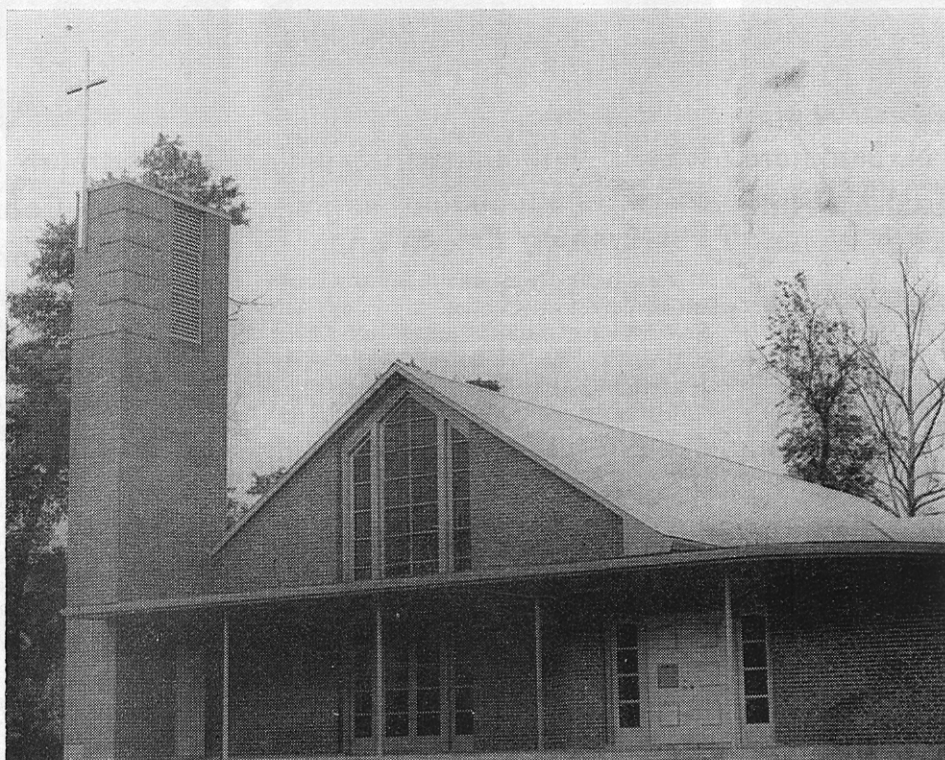


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First United Church Of Christ

Nashville, Tennessee

Rev. John J. Roemer, Pastor

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE ISSUE

Fourteenth Annual Meeting

April 23-24, 1966



Rev. Dr. Harold N. Skidmore To Address Annual Meeting

The Rev. Dr. Harold N. Skidmore, New York City, is Field Secretary of the Pension Boards with special assignment to the Congregational Board of Ministerial Relief. He is also responsible for promotion of The Annuity Fund for Congregational Ministers.

The Congregational Board of Ministerial Relief aids ministers and their families in cases of severe financial necessity. It also gives emergency assistance to retired ministers and ministers' widows. The Annuity Fund for Congregational Ministers, established in 1914, is a pioneer effort among Protestant church groups to enable ministers to provide for their retirement years.

Dr. Skidmore was superintendent of the Michigan Conference of Congregational Christian Churches from 1941 to 1960 when he came to his present post.

Born in Oldbury, England, February 12, 1898, he grew up in Michigan where his father, the Rev. Nathaniel Skidmore, was a home missionary pastor of the Congregational Conference. He attended Olivet College and Oberlin (Ohio) College. From the latter he received both his A. B. degree and his B. D. degree in 1926. Defiance (Ohio) College awarded him an honorary Doctorate of Divinity in 1941. He also received an honorary Doctorate of Divinity from Olivet College in 1961.

Dr. and Mrs. Skidmore live in Mount Vernon, N. Y. They have two sons, Cyril N. and Edward C. Skidmore.



Miss Helen Huntington Smith Is Speaker For Evening Program

Miss Helen Huntington Smith, Executive Director, Council for Lay Life and Work, United Church of Christ, will be the guest speaker at the evening program of the joint Lay Life and Work groups of the Southeast Conference on April 23. She will use as her topic, "The Laymen's World."

Miss Smith, the first woman to head a major national board of a Protestant denomination, was director of Women's Work of the Ohio Conference of Congregational Christian Churches for 11 years before assuming her present position with the Council in 1962. She has served on numerous committees of the National Council of Churches' Department of United Church Women.

The Council for Lay Life and Work of the United Church of Christ consists of 30 members who develop and coordinate the participation of laymen and laywomen in the life of the church.

In 1961 Miss Smith was a delegate from her denomination to the Third Assembly of the World Council of Churches in New Delhi, India, and in 1962 she attended the International Congregational Council meeting in Rotterdam, Holland. She is a member of the Executive Committee of the latter body.

Miss Smith was born in China where her parents were missionaries. She received her early education in China and came to this country to study at Mount Holyoke College. She has a Master's Degree from Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University.



Dr. Dearborn Represents Executive Council At Annual Sessions

Dr. Donald C. Dearborn, president of Catawba College, Salisbury, N. C., and a member of the Executive Council of the United Church of Christ, will represent the Executive Council at the annual sessions of the Southeast Conference April 23-24, at Nashville, Tenn.

The Executive Council of the United Church of Christ is composed of 21 ministers and lay men and women, and has the responsibility of conducting business for the denomination between biennial meetings of the General Synod.

Dr. Dearborn became the 15th president of Catawba College in 1963. He first joined its faculty in 1935 as an instructor in mathematics, became registrar in 1940 and dean of the college in 1947. Catawba College, founded in 1851, is related to the United Church of Christ.

Dr. Dearborn was born in Osceola, Nebraska, on March 20, 1910. He was graduated from Hastings College, Nebraska, in 1931. He received the M. A. degree from the University of Nebraska in 1933 and the Ph.D. degree from Duke University in 1936.

He is married to the former Mary Omwake of Salisbury, whose father, Dr. Howard R. Omwake, was president of Catawba College from 1931 to 1942. They have three children.

Dr. Dearborn will address the afternoon session of the conference on Saturday, April 23rd.

The Report Of The Women's Fellowship

Information on the 1965-66 theme, "Mission: The Christian's Calling," was sent to each church by the officers of the areas of emphasis: Spiritual Life—Miss Frances Exum; Christian Education — Miss Elizabeth Jenkins; and Witness — Mrs. John S. Owen. There were four study books presented with other materials in Program Opportunities for Adults.

Officers of the Fellowship attended a meeting of the Committee on Lay Life and Work in June, as well as a board meeting, to determine future plans. They met again with the committee on April 2, 1966, at Birmingham to prepare resolutions to be presented at the annual meeting.

The Alabama-N. W. Florida Fellowship held its annual retreat in June at Indian Springs, Ala., with Miss Angie Crews, former missionary to Japan, as guest speaker.

The study material was presented to the East Alabama Rally in September by Mrs. Karlton Johnson of Atlanta and Mrs. Brown.

Mrs. F. C. Lester, Regional Secretary for the Council for Lay Life and Work, accompanied Mrs. Brown to the November board meeting of the Alabama-N. W. Florida Fellowship, where plans were made for the June retreat. The women of the Georgia-South Carolina area are invited to attend this retreat at Southern Union Junior College, Wadley, Alabama, on June 17-18 beginning at 9:30 a. m. CST.

Our Conference Fellowship was represented at the Southern Regional meeting of the Council for Lay Life and Work in March at Bricks, North Carolina, by Mrs. Walter Hall, president of Alabama-N. W. Florida Fellowship, and Mrs. Brown. The 1966-67 material with the theme, "The Christian's Mission in an Age of Dilemmas", was presented.

Women of the Kentucky-Tennessee Association met with Mrs. F. C. Lester at the Fall Association meeting and made plans for a workshop to be held on June 8, 1966, at Daisy, Tenn. We hope each church will be represented at this meeting.

New materials may be ordered from Central Distribution Service, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19102. New edition, including binder, \$4.25. The Recall Kit is \$2.75.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Edward M. Brown



General Synod Moderator To Address Conference

Dr. Hollis F. Price, president of LeMoyne College, Memphis, Tenn., is moderator of the General Synod of the United Church of Christ, the denomination's highest honorary office. During his two year term of office beginning July 1, 1965, he presides at sessions of the General Synod, representative body of the United Church.

Dr. Price went to LeMoyne College as dean in 1941 and was named president in 1943. Previously he taught economics at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama for ten years.

Dr. Price was born in Capahosic, Va., June 29, 1904. His father, William G. Price, was principal of Gloucester Normal School in Capahosic.

From Gloucester High School in Capahosic, he went to Williston Academy, Easthampton, Massachusetts. He received his A. B. degree from Amherst College in 1927 and his M. A. from Columbia University in 1931. The degree of Doctor of Law was conferred on him by Brandeis University in 1958 and Amherst College in 1962.

The Newspaper Guild of the City of Memphis, Tenn., gave Dr. Price its 1963 Citizenship Award, first ever given to a Negro. He is a board member of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations, chairman of the board of the Memphis Urban League and vice-chairman of the Memphis Community Relations Committee.

For his work in Scouting he was awarded the Silver Beaver by the area

Report Of The Churchmen's Fellowship

At the annual meeting last year in Atlanta, Millard Fuller was elected president of this Fellowship, with Herschel P. Franks, vice-president, and William R. Green the secretary-treasurer.

At the Atlanta meeting funds of up to \$100.00 were approved to help defray the expense of any elected officer who would be able to attend the 1965 Lay Schools of Theology. The two Lay Schools of Theology are offered again this year and the Lay School of Theology at Eden Theological Seminary will run from June 12th to 18th, 1966, and is located at Webster Groves, Mo. The other Lay School of Theology is sponsored by the Lancaster Theological Seminary of Lancaster, Pa., with two sessions running from June 12th to 18th, and 19th to 25th, 1966. The cost, including room and board, at Lancaster is \$50.00 per week.

Our able and energetic leader, Millard Fuller, has resigned as president of this Fellowship and is moving to New York City, where he will be working in a fund-raising drive for the Tougaloo College near Jackson, Miss.

Another matter discussed at last year's annual meeting was the establishment of a scholarship fund by the Churchmen's Fellowship for ministerial students from the Southeast Conference area. It was decided that a special appeal would be made to the men of the Southeast Conference to support this project, and while no definite program has yet been established, Millard Fuller has contributed \$200.00 to the Men's Fellowship for the purpose of establishing this scholarship fund.

Herschel P. Franks, President

council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Dr. Price has been an active churchman locally, nationally and internationally. He is a deacon of First Congregational Church (United Church of Christ) in Memphis. He served in 1959 and 1960 on the Long Range Planning Committee of the United Church and is presently a board member of the United Church Board for World Ministries. In 1958 for the World Council of Churches he worked on a study of rapid social change in Liberia, West Africa.

Dr. and Mrs. Price, the former Althea Banks, live on the LeMoyne campus. They have one son, Hollis F. Price, Jr.

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Report Of Moderator To The Annual Meeting

It has been a wonderful experience for me to serve as your moderator this past year. Many doors of opportunity have been opened to me and through me to the conference to broaden our horizons, to increase our influence, and to expand our responsibilities throughout our denomination, our conference, and our local churches. I hope that at least a small part of the many blessings and benefits which have come my way by attending several meetings and conferences have found their way on to each of you.

Our convention work got off to a good start a year ago under the able leadership of Dr. Lightbourne. Then about midway in the course of the year he accepted the call of our neighboring conference. Since then Dr. Jesse Dollar has graciously and valiantly endeavored to give us leadership and direction in our labors until our Personnel Committee can find a new minister for us. For these services and efforts we all thank Jesse from the bottom of our hearts.

Each of the committee chairmen, together with each committee member, have energetically shouldered their job. For this I am thankful, for it has made my work much easier. The cooperativeness of all made my trials this past year much easier to bear.

With this wonderful spirit throughout the conference I am confident that we will achieve our goals in our march onward toward a more rewarding future. For this spirit of cooperativeness and good will I salute you.

Respectfully submitted,
Rufus G. Obrecht, Moderator

Southeast Conference Financial Statement

January 1 - December 31, 1966

RECEIPTS

Budgeted Receipts:

Board of Homeland Ministries Subsidy	\$ 3,256.72
Miscellaneous	12,398.31

15,655.03

Our Christian World Mission Receipts

Central Alabama Association	1,311.88
East Alabama Association	7,437.84
North Alabama Association	3,846.15
S. Alabama-N. W. Florida Association	794.74
Georgia-South Carolina Conference	9,026.67
Tennessee-Kentucky Conference	9,480.88
Other	633.59

32,531.75

Total Budgeted Receipts

48,186.78

Unbudgeted Receipts:

Board for Homeland Ministries (Church Aid, etc.)	23,891.66
For Christian Higher Education Fund	500.00
Annie B. Ensminger Trust Fund	664.20
Family Thank Offering	985.77
Miscellaneous	5,131.97

Total Unbudgeted Receipts

31,173.60

TOTAL RECEIPTS

79,360.38

DISBURSEMENTS

Budgeted Disbursements:

Salaries and Annuities	12,754.00
Office (Rent, equipment, etc.)	914.26
Supplies and Materials	1,361.26
The Southeast News	1,263.43
Organization (Board, committees, etc.)	1,328.48
Travel (Superintendent, special)	5,079.60
Parsonage (Note, insurance, maintenance)	1,330.90
Miscellaneous	2,292.11
Church Aid	5,208.03
National Boards and Agencies	8,135.19

Total Budgeted Disbursements

39,667.26

Unbudgeted Disbursements:

To Churches, etc., from Board of Homeland Ministries	23,525.00
Christian Higher Education Fund (National)	500.00
Superintendent's Car	2,291.22
Family Thank Offering (to National Boards)	656.43
Miscellaneous	2,382.74

Total Unbudgeted Disbursements

29,355.39

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

69,022.65

RECAPITULATION

Total Receipts 1965	79,360.38
Total Disbursements 1965	69,022.65
Balance	10,337.73

Beginning Balance 1965

Restricted	3,204.07
Regular	2,590.57
	5,794.64

Balance December 31, 1965

Restricted	4,338.70
Regular	12,500.28

Total

16,838.98

Respectfully submitted,
W. J. Strickland, Treasurer

Fourteenth Annual Meeting
Southeast Conference, United Church Of Christ

First United Church Of Christ

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NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

April 23-24, 1966

PROGRAM

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

- 10:30 A. M. Call to Order: Mr. Rufus G. Obrecht, Moderator
The Morning Devotions: Rev. Harold A. Schulz, Chaplain
- 10:45 Welcome: Rev. John J. Roemer, Host Pastor
Response: Mr. Rufus G. Obrecht, Moderator
Adoption of Proposed Program
Recognition of Visitors and Fraternal Delegates
Presentation of the Minutes of 1965 Annual Meeting
Miss Ellen Hull, Recording Secretary
Presentation of Suggested Rules for Proceedings of the Annual Meeting
The Appointment of Committees
Business Committee
Resolutions Committee
Memorial Committee
Place Committee
The Presentation of the Financial Statement:
Mr. Leslie Beall, Treasurer
The Report of the Moderator: Mr. Rufus G. Obrecht
The Report of the Personnel Committee:
Rev. Arnold Slater, Chairman
The Report of the Christian Education Committee:
Rev. Robert W. Hendrix, Chairman
The Report of the Committee on Church and Ministry:
Rev. W. Raymond Berry, Chairman
The Report of the Committee on Evangelism:
Rev. L. Floyd Carmack, Chairman
The Report of the Committee on Survey and Church Aid:
Rev. R. Hugh Lasseter, Chairman
The Report of the Committee on Christian Social Action:
Rev. Albert L. Henry, Chairman
The Report of the Committee on Stewardship and Missionary Education: Mr. John Heaman, Chairman
- 11:45 Address: Dr. Harold N. Skidmore, Representative Pension Boards,
United Church of Christ
- 12:20 Recess for Lunch

AFTERNOON

- 1:30 P. M. Call to Order: Mr. Rufus G. Obrecht, Moderator
The Afternoon Devotions: Rev. Harold A. Schulz, Chaplain
- 1:45 Thoughts from the Stewardship Council
Rev. Karlton C. Johnson, Regional Secretary
- 2:05 Address: Dr. Donald C. Dearborn, Representative from the Executive Council
Promotions for the Southeast News and the United Church Herald
- 2:40 Break
- 2:45 Hymn
A Look at the Southeast Conference: Dr. Jesse H. Dollar
(Followed by answering of questions from the floor)
- 3:20 The Presentation and Action Upon the Proposed Constitution and By-laws of the Southeast Conference
- 4:05 The Report of the Nominating Committee:
Rev. L. Floyd Carmack, Chairman
- 4:10 The Conference Meeting Recess
The Annual Meeting of the CHURCH BUILDERS CLUB:
Rev. Bill A. Hodnett, President, presiding
- 4:40 Adjournment of the CHURCH BUILDERS CLUB Meeting
Separate Meetings of the Churchmen's Fellowship and Women's Fellowship
- 7:15 Banquet: First United Church of Christ
Promotion for the Southeast News and the United Church Herald
The Evening Program: "The Laymen's World"—Miss Helen H. Smith,
Executive Secretary, Council for Lay Life and Work

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

- 9:00 A. M. Call to Order: Mr. Rufus G. Obrecht, Moderator
The Invocation: Rev. Harold A. Schulz, Chaplain
The Report of the Women's Fellowship:
Mrs. Edward M. Brown, President
The Report of the Churchmen's Fellowship:
Mr. Herschel Franks, Vice-President
The Report of the Pilgrim Fellowship:
Lee Harris, President
The Report of the Congregational Christian Foundation at Vanderbilt University: Rev. Arnold Slater, Chairman
- 9:30 The Election of Officers
Other Business
The Report of the Memorial Committee, Memorial Silence, and Prayer
The Report of the Place Committee
The Report of the Resolutions Committee
- 10:00 The United Church of Christ as seen by Moderator of the General Synod, Dr. Hollis F. Price
- 10:30 Recess
- 11:00 The Service of Worship: First United Church of Christ
Conducted by Rev. John J. Roemer
Sermon by Rev. W. Millard Stevens
Communion Service and Installation of Officers
The Conference stands adjourned following the Service of Worship

Report Of The Committee On Christian Education

As has been the custom in the past, the Christian Education Committee is divided into the following three sub-committees:

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Mrs. W. Raymond Berry, Chairman
Mrs. Edward L. Askren, Jr.
Mrs. Dewey Terry
Mr. Winston Noble

YOUTH WORK

Rev. Wm. R. Winterbottom, Chm.
Mrs. J. Kermit Harris
Mrs. Paul A. McCallum
Miss Gladys Varner

SUMMER CAMPS

Mrs. Carl N. Sanford, Chairman
Rev. Annie R. Campbell
Rev. Warren A. Blankenhorn
Rev. John E. Rhodes

The Leadership Training Committee has primary responsibility for work with the Christian Education Associates, who are available to the churches to help in the training of teachers and to introduce materials and promote the new United Church Curriculum.

The Youth Work Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the Southeast Conference Minister of Christian Education on matters relating to the total youth program. The annual meeting of the Southeast Conference Pilgrimage/Youth Fellowship was held in Huntsville, Alabama, March 26-27, 1966.

The Summer Camp Committee is charged with the responsibility of planning the camping program of the Conference. This year the two Junior High and two Senior High camps will be held as follows:

Kentucky-Tennessee

June 12-19: Jr. Hi and Sr. Hi Summer Camps, Harrison Bay State Park (about 20 miles N. E. of Chattanooga on Highway 58)

Georgia-S. C. - Alabama-N. W. Fla. July 23-31, Jr. Hi and Sr. Hi Summer Camps, Roosevelt State Park, Pine Mountain, Ga. (This camp will be an eight (8) day camp per agreement)

Cost of all camps this summer will be \$20.00 per camper. Slogan for this summer's camping will be "FOR THE BEST WEEK OF YOUR LIFE."

The National Council of Churches Regional Workshop, "The Church's Ministry to Children," was held at the FFA Camp at Covington, Georgia, on March 15-17, 1966. The Christian Ed-

Southeast Conference Women's Fellowship Financial Report — April 1, 1966

Balance in Bank March 15, 1965

\$238.73

RECEIPTS:

April, 1965 — Georgia-South Carolina	
Conference per capita	\$ 84.12
May, 1965 — Georgia-South Carolina	
Conference per capita	37.50
October, 1965 — Alabama-N. W. Florida	
Association per capita	109.50
April, 1966 — Georgia-South Carolina	
Conference per capita	36.00
Total Receipts	267.62

\$506.35

DISBURSEMENTS:

June 12-13, 1965 — Executive Committee hotel	
expenses for four members	\$ 23.72
Travel, meals for 4 members	30.51
June, 1965 — President's travel expenses to Alabama-	
N. W. Florida Women's Fellowship Retreat	6.21
July, 1965 — President's expenses (Program, Refill Kit for	
officers, postage, materials for banquet at	
annual meeting	30.53
Sept., 1965 — President's travel to East Alabama	
Women's Fellowship Rally	9.00
Oct., 1965 — President's expenses (stationery, envelopes,	
stamps for mailing to local churches	18.00
Oct., 1965 — Miss Elizabeth Jenkins (for gift for	
Mrs. Rufus G. Obrecht)	5.50
Nov., 1965 — President's travel to Lanett, Ala., for Board	
meeting of Alabama-N. W. Florida	
Women's Fellowship	10.70
March, 1966 — President's registration, Regional Lay Life	
and Work meeting, Bricks, N. C.	7.50
Bank Service Charge	.45
Total Disbursements	142.12

\$142.12

Balance on Hand, April 1, 1966

\$363.73

MEMORIAL MEMBERSHIP FUND (Savings Account)

March 14, 1965	\$50.76
Interest	1.80
	\$52.56

Respectfully submitted,
Pauline W. Slater
(Mrs. Arnold Slater)

ucation Committee gave this program its full support and backing.

The Christian Education Committee also gave its support to the Georgia UCYM Ecumenical Encounter which was held in Atlanta, Ga., on March 5, 1966.

There is to be a National Training Camps Conference to be held August 23-September 2, 1966, in New Hampshire. It is the hope of this committee that some of our group will be able to attend this very important institute. The National Training Team will come to the Southeast Region in 1967. The committee is considering plans and persons for this encounter.

The Christian Education Committee

again expresses its concern that we in the Southeast work toward a one Conference Camp to be held for a two-week period in the Atlanta area. This would give opportunity for added programs and development.

The annual Youth Forum will be held in San Francisco, Calif., June 29-July 4, 1966. The theme of this year's program is "Possibilities for Peace." Plans are being made for two youths and one adult to attend this meeting.

The churches of the Southeast Conference are urged to give their loyal support to all the programs of Christian Education.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert W. Hendrix, Chairman

Congregational Christian Foundation Report

The Foundation, which has as its specific responsibility the task of securing scholarship aid to ministerial students attending Vanderbilt Divinity School, has had a relatively quiet period in recent years. The news that Oberlin School of Theology will transfer to the Vanderbilt campus this fall and be an integral part of the Divinity School, gives a new impetus to the Foundation.

Approximately thirty graduate students, about half of them affiliated with the United Church of Christ, may look in our direction for assistance. And the churches of the Southeast Conference can expect to look towards the Divinity School for ministerial leadership.

The time has come for us to give serious thought and support to the Foundation, and in the near future I would hope the churches will consider an opportunity not to be overlooked.

Respectfully submitted,
Arnold Slater, Chairman

SEC PF-YF Treasurer's Report — 1965-1966

RECEIPTS:

Balance from former treasurer	\$517.17
Dues received to date (3/25/66)	24.50
	\$541.67

DISBURSEMENTS:

Youth Forum Delegates	
Travel Exp.	294.44
Bank charges to date	1.15
	\$295.59
Bank Balance 3/25/66	\$246.08

The Church Builders Club Financial Statement

1965-1966

Balance on Hand 4/25/65	\$1,291.06
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RECEIPTS, 1965/66:

Hackleburg, Fairview	5.00
Haleyville, Union Grove	5.00
Glen Mary, C. C.	10.00
Rev. Annie R. Campbell	5.00
Houston, Liberty Hill	5.00
Arley, Robertson's Chapel	5.00
Steele, Mt. Lebanon	5.00
Wadley, Chr., W. F.	10.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS 50.00

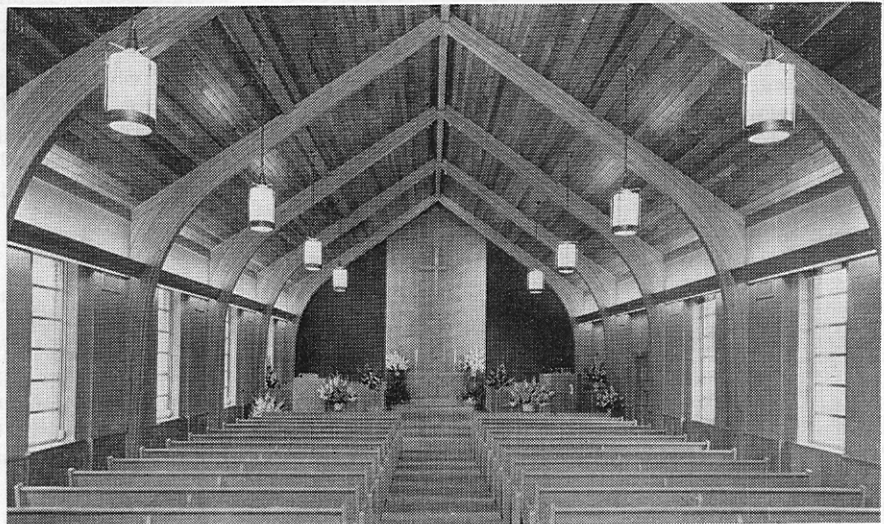
General Funds 61.95

Interest on Invested Funds 50.97

BALANCE MARCH 16, 1966 \$1,453.98

Respectfully submitted,
Warren Blankenhorn, Treas.

Sanctuary Of First United Church NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE



The beautiful sanctuary pictured above will be headquarters for the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference (Convention) on Saturday and Sunday, April 23rd and 24th.

While the First United Church of Christ and its pastor, the Rev. John J. Roemer, will host the conference, the other three churches of our denomination in Nashville will be co-hosts. They are: Fisk Union (Rev. Dr. Wilson Q. Welch, pastor); Brookmeade United (Rev. John F. Anderson, pastor); Howard Church (Rev. W. J. Jamerson, pastor).

Plans for the annual meeting are now complete. We were fortunate in securing some of the most outstanding leaders of the United Church of Christ to address our annual sessions. Dr. Donald C. Dearborn will represent the Executive Council; Dr. Harold N. Skidmore, the Pensions Board; Dr. Hollis F. Price, Moderator of the General Synod, will represent the General Synod; Miss Helen Huntington Smith, Executive Director, will represent the Council for Lay Life and Work; Rev. Karlton C. Johnson, Southern Regional Secretary of the Stewardship Council, will speak to the conference on Christian Stewardship; and our old and dear friend, Mrs. F. C. (Emily) Lester, will be present to help us all in her usual friendly and efficient way.

We know that each church has elected its delegates and that delegates and visitors already have sent their registration cards, with the registration fee, to the host church. But have all who plan to attend also made their hotel/motel reservations? Time is growing short, and if you have not already done this you should make your reservations with the hotel/motel of your choice immediately.

We eagerly anticipate seeing you and sharing fellowship with you at the annual meeting of the conference. This Fourteenth Annual Meeting promises to be the most interesting and informative we have ever had! See you in Nashville April 23rd-24th, 1966!

Report Of Committee On Survey And Church Aid

The Survey and Church Aid Committee met from time to time during the year and made recommendations to the Board of Directors as to which churches within the Conference should be aided. We are including with this report a list of the aided situations which have been approved by the Board of Directors. Our newest church developments have been showing progress. Reports from Huntsville, Ala., indicate solid progress during the year under the leadership of Rev. W. Raymond Berry. The Montgomery situation made progress under the leadership of Rev. Harold C. Henderson, but is presently without a minister because of the resignation of Mr. Henderson when he was called into active service as a Chaplain in the USAF.

The committee is happy to report that we now own property in the Bonanza development off the South Expressway some thirty miles south of Atlanta. The United Church Board for Homeland Ministries has been most cooperative and has approved the Bonanza area for a new church development. The Board has advanced the funds for the purchase of the property and a special word of appreciation goes to Dr. J. Edmund Lippy for his keen interest and fine cooperation in assisting us in obtaining approval for this new church project.

There are one hundred homes in the development at the present time and many under construction. The homes are being sold as fast as they can be constructed. Present plans call for the placing of an Organizational Minister in this field this summer or early fall. Ours is the only church property yet purchased in the development and we believe we have a real opportunity for developing a fine church. We have purchased about three acres of land and a sign has been erected on the property indicating that this is the future home of the United Church of Christ.

There have been several inquiries in regard to possible new church developments in South Carolina and in Northwest Florida. These are being pursued and we hope that we may locate other suitable areas for the development of new United Churches.

Upon the recommendation of this committee the Board of Directors has voted that all aided churches in the Conference must make quarterly reports and an annual report to the com-

Report Of Committee On Ministry And Churches

Much of the work of this committee is administrative and, in most cases, is better handled in the office of the Southeast Conference. The ministerial statistics for 1965 are as follows:

At the present time there are 104 ordained ministers with full standing in the conference. 97 are enrolled in the United Church of Christ and 7 have Congregational Christian standing only.

There are 6 ministers with conference ordination, 16 licentiates, and one ministerial prospect in care of association.

Eight ministers of other denominations and 4 lay ministers serve churches in the conference.

Of the 104 ordained ministers, 54 are serving churches and 16 are retired. Sixteen are engaged in direct religious work; 8 are in educational work; and

committee, outlining activities, progress, and problems. Your committee desires to exercise the best possible stewardship of conference funds and this can only be done if the churches cooperate in giving us the necessary information. Your cooperation is requested in the matter of reports. Below you will find a list of the aided churches for this year. The committee will be glad to answer any questions in regard to any of these situations.

NATIONAL PROJECTS		BHM
Robbins Parish		4,000.
N. Ala. Pastor-at-Large		900.
JOINT PROJECTS		SEC BHM
Charleston, Circular	500.	1,250.
Huntsville, United	700.	3,500.
E. Ala. Pastor-at-Large	600.	400.
Montgomery, United	1,000.	4,500.
Nashville, Brookmeade	1,375.	1,375.
Nashville, Howard	1,500.	3,000.
Pleasant Hill, Comm.	500.	500.
Sweetwater, First	600.	1,200.
TRAVEL AID		
Rev. Homer Barnes		36.
Rev. R. M. Waugh		100.
CONVENTION PROJECTS		
Caddo, Cong'l Chr.		200.
Bonanza (Int. Paym.)		758.
Brantley, Indian Cr.		100.
Brantley, Liberty		100.
Haleyville, Union Grove		150.
Columbus, First		600.
West Point, Bethel		60.
UNDESIGNATED		780.
TOTAL		10,000 20,125.
GRAND TOTAL		\$30,125.

Respectfully submitted,
R. Hugh Lasseter, Chairman

the remaining 10 are in business and other professions.

In 1965 the following ordained ministers were received into the conference (convention):

Robert V. Andelson, professor, Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama; Waldemar A. Bizer, Chaplain, Prattville, Alabama; Donald D. Freeman, professor, Barbourville, Ky.; S. Lawrence Johnson, pastor, Pilgrim Church, Birmingham, Ala.; Stephen N. Jones, Chaplain, Memphis, Tenn.; Edward L. Smallwood, pastor, First Church, Columbus, Ga.; Ronald D. Vinson, newly ordained at Central Church, Atlanta, and working with Goodwill Industries.

As of January 1, 1966, 12 ministers of the former Convention of the South, and 4 former Evangelical & Reformed ministers will automatically become members of the Southeast Conference.

It is with a sense of sorrow that the deaths of the following ministers are reported:

Rev. David Washington Clark, Rev. William Kendrick Grobel, Rev. John Marion Peyton, Rev. Clarence Howard Stewart.

The annual Convocation of United Church Ministers was held early in December at Camp Calvin, the Presbyterian synodical center south of Atlanta. Three outstanding leaders and a fine-spirited group made this convocation one of the most valuable ever held in our area. Rev. Albert C. Ronander, of the Stewardship Council, led some lively sessions on the Church and the Arts. His competence in this area and his enthusiasm for the subject were qualities which made the convocation so well received. Rev. Everett C. Parker, nationally recognized as a leader in the field of mass communication and head of the Office of Communication of the United Church of Christ, did a fine job in helping the ministers to understand better the vital matter of communicating the gospel effectively. Rev. George P. Dominick, Chaplain at the Georgian Clinic for Alcoholics in Atlanta, did much in his presentation to help the ministers who are searching for better understanding and effective ways to work with the alcoholic and his family.

The churches are urged to make it possible for your pastors to attend the annual Minister's Convocation by encouraging them to take the time off and by helping them pay the costs of attendance.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Raymond Berry, Chairman

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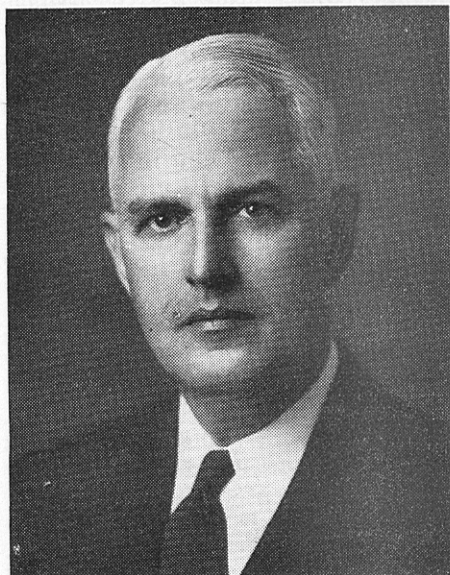
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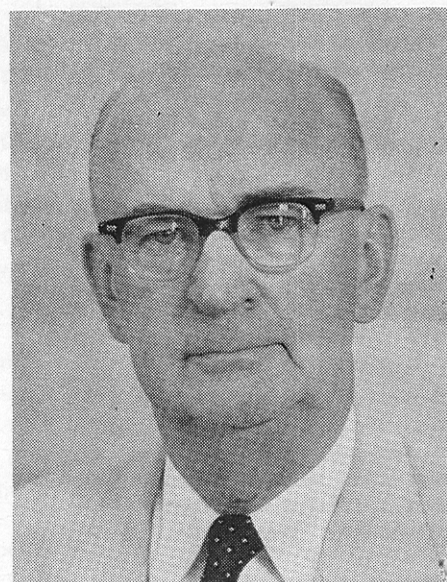
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